

## TUSCANIA SURVIVORS REUNITED ABROAD

**T**HE *American Lumberman* of June 15, published the following interesting story:

"When the ill fated *Tuscania* sailed from the American shore early last February it had on board 800 lads recruited from the woods, sawmills and lumber yards of the country as well as several hundred soldier boys. Most of the boys were fortunate enough to be among the saved, following the 'U' boat attack off the eastern coast of Ireland, and were landed after hours of suffering and mental torture at different points in the Emerald Isle and Scotland. The forestry lads who survived the

southern, in responsible positions, one by one congregated at Morning Hill Camp near Winchester, England.

"Before they departed for France the boys had a group photo taken; an enlargement of it was received this week at the offices of the Long-Bell Lumber Company, in Kansas City. It will be recalled that 164 of the *Tuscania* dead, many of whom were forestry lads, now lie buried near Port Ellen, Islay Island, one of the Hebrides group, but all the Long-Bell boys were among the saved and each one is now doing his 'bit' in France.

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THESE ARE BOYS OF THE LONG-BELL LUMBER COMPANY WHO WERE ON THE ILL-FATED TUSCANIA

Those appearing in the illustration with their former connections and present assignments with the 20th Engineers are as follows: Standing (from left to right)—J. A. Johnson, Mill at Lake Charles, La., Checker Co. E.—6th Battalion; George B. Oakeson, Assistant Yard Manager at El Dorado, Kan., Sergeant Co. E.—6th Battalion; Max W. Friend, Assistant Yard Manager at Baxter Springs, Kan., Sergeant Major, Headquarters.—6th Battalion; Tom Ashby, Assistant Yard Manager at Augusta, Kan., Corporal Co. E.—6th Battalion; Purl H. Marshall, Yard Manager, Towanda, Kan., Corporal Supply Department Co. E.—6th Battalion; Mr. Rutledge, Mill, Longville, La., Sergeant Co. E.—6th Battalion. Sitting (left to right) William E. Barwick, Sales Office, Chicago, Sergeant Supply Depot Co. F.—6th Battalion; Porter B. Smith, Yard Manager at Leon, Kan., Corporal Supply Depot Co. F.—6th Battalion; Vernon Babcock, Assistant Yard Manager at El Dorado, Kan., Chief Cook, Co. E.—6th Battalion.

*Tuscania* disaster remained for several weeks at army camps in England before they proceeded to France, and it might be described as one of the pranks of fate that the nine young men who previous to enlisting in the Sixth Battalion of the 20th Engineers (Forest) were employees of the Long-Bell Lumber Company, of Kansas City, Mis-

souri, in responsible positions, one by one congregated at Morning Hill Camp near Winchester, England. Before they departed for France the boys had a group photo taken; an enlargement of it was received this week at the offices of the Long-Bell Lumber Company, in Kansas City. It will be recalled that 164 of the *Tuscania* dead, many of whom were forestry lads, now lie buried near Port Ellen, Islay Island, one of the Hebrides group, but all the Long-Bell boys were among the saved and each one is now doing his 'bit' in France. Each one of the Long-Bell boys who are identified in the reading matter appearing below the illustration was in the mill, yard or sales office service of the Long-Bell Lumber Company before enlisting. Those designated as yard or assistant yard managers previously had mill experience and all were well qualified for engaging in woods and sawmill work in France.